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The Conduct of the Colored Men Election Day was a Credit to the Race

Hubert Eaves Refuses to Salute U. S. Flag

Youngster, Eleven Years Old, Starts New Philosophy of American Patriotism--Tells Judge Dudley that Flag is a Dirty Flag that Will Not Protect its Citizens--Precocious Mind Awakens the Thoughtless Throughout the Country.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 24.—Hubert Eaves, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Eaves, who lives on West Third street, has startled the country by his new philosophy of American patriotism. The youngster has a precocious mind and has read the history of this country and other countries and knows the name of every Race man who exhibited bravery in the wars of the United States. He knows about the 3,000 men of the Race who were pressed into service under Alexander Hamilton and George Washington's order to authorize the enlistment of Negro troops in 1775 and the 400 who stood at the Battle of Rock Island, August 20, 1778; Peter Salem, praised for his work at Bunker Hill; the 775 brave boys of his Race who were in regiments in 1778 under Alexander Scammel, Adjutant General; the two battalions that were with General Jackson at New Orleans; the names of the brave soldiers during the Civil War at Milligen's

currents and well versed in the Bible. Treatment to Foreigners. "The members of the Race have done everything to help the United States become prosperous. They have helped build the railroads, till the soil, raise the cotton, tunnel the mountain, dig in the mines, fought for the country and now are the least in its consideration. Foreigners can come here and get protection of the United States government and never raised their hands for its protection but are given choice places in all public offices and best positions. My father has been a railroad porter for twenty-five years and has stripes on his arm from his wrist to his shoulder, but is still a railroad porter," said young Eaves to the reporter. "In the white papers they said I stayed away from school to avoid saluting the flag, that is not so, I was away to have my picture taken for the Chicago Defender," he said, continuing his story. The "Birth of the Nation" came to this city with all its damnable influence and left its prejudice and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had done everything to keep it from showing. Since the show left here Mrs. Eaves has been trying to get one of her sons work but with no avail. There are nine children in the family and five dead. The parents came from West Virginia. It is said that there is a strong racial feeling in the family; thinking for the best interest of themselves and the Race that has caused the boy to have such a determined mind.



Bend, Port Hudson, Ft. Pillow, Bull Run, Antietam and Shiloh. He knows of their bravery in the Spanish-American war; 24th and 25th Infantry, 8th and 10th Cavalry, 8th Regiment of Illinois; the battle at El Caney and the surrounding of Roosevelt and saving the day for the United States. All this he knows, but what has this country paid my people for the loss of their lives, for their bravery and heroism? These are the kind of questions this developed mind has put before the country where his parents are denied the protection of the flag. Several days ago at the school which he was attending he refused to salute the flag. It even loomed up in his mind at the time when our troops were returning from Cuba, white men threw stones at our soldiers. All this rising in his mind, he did not salute the flag; he was arrested and taken before Judge Dudley and tried. The case attracted national attention, because he is thinking just as thousands of others of the younger generation. He is thinking why should any man of the race fight for a country or a flag that will not give him protection.

Gives Reasons. To a Chicago Defender reporter, he said: "Isn't it wrong to have me bowing and worshipping a flag that is a dirty flag; one that does not give my mother and father protection; a flag that represents a government that allows 'Jim Crow' laws, segregation in all public places in the South and other parts of the country; denies us a voice in state government and who practices grandfather clauses and lets mobs take our people out and hang them without trial; show us no mercy in the courts, deny us the proper school education, disfranchises our people, winks an eye at Southern concubinage, ostracizes us in every way." The Defender reporter was writing as fast as he could, but he had to stop and look at the boy and ask him about his mother and father. Young Eaves said: "I have a good mother and father and I have been very obedient. For a long while I have been thinking about these things. I have heard men who were old soldiers talk—some living today who fought for this government, cry because of the ill manner of which they have been treated." He said he had even talked to some of his little white playmates and they said they did not blame him. "I want to say," said the boy, "that my mother did not tell me to do this—she left it with me—I would like in my heart if I say I love the flag when I hate it." He was asked about his relatives. He said the family lived near and could all be reached by telephone and was known for their unity; all being up on

COL. ROOSEVELT AND MAJOR MOTON IN WEST INDIES.

Kingston, Jamaica, W. I., March 17.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States, has been here several weeks and the whole island has been eager to give him a "look over." The greatest man of America has been quietly located about twenty-five miles away at a private and secluded camp. Several days ago Major R. R. Moton and wife arrived at the port and the newly-elected principal of Tuskegee Institute was met by the colonel and family. The educator came here for rest and study. He was surprised to see the colonel, and when ex-president Roosevelt drove him out to his camp twenty-five miles from here, Major Moton felt his stay would be exceedingly pleasant. The friendship of the two distinguished men dates back many years. It has just become known that Colonel Roosevelt was as friendly to Major Moton as he was to the late Booker T. Washington. The two have served on a number of philanthropic and sociological committees in the East. They have spoken on platforms at the same time for the past twenty years, and their associations have been cordial and pleasant. It is said that when the colonel wanted to have a conference on grave matters and wanted an unbiased, true and conscientious opinion, he would call upon Major Moton, newly-elected principal of Tuskegee Institute.

When the ex-president and the new principal of Tuskegee came to the city yesterday and drove through the town, all eyes were upon them. When they stopped to enter the postoffice great crowds assembled and yells went up: "Long Live Roosevelt!" "Long Live Major Moton!" The colonel is a member of the trustee board of Tuskegee Institute, and Colonel Roosevelt will attend the installation in May.

HEADQUARTERS UNIFORM RANK KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Jurisdiction of Missouri, 3510 Cozens Avenue.

St. Louis, March 23, 1916.

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 3.

1. Pursuant to Special Orders No. 8 from the office of Major General Jackson, commanding U. S. K. P., dated Chicago, Illinois, March 11, 1916: 2. An election for Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, and such other vacancies in Battalion Officers as may occur in the Second Regiment of Missouri, is hereby ordered to take place on Sunday afternoon, April 9, 1916, at 2:30 p. m., at their Armory, 18th and Troost avenue, Kansas City, Mo. 3. The Regimental Battalion Staff Officers' Band, Captains and Lieutenants of Companies A, C, D, E, and Troop B, of Kansas City; Company F, Bowling Green; Company G, Richmond; Company H, Sedalia, will assemble at the Armory on the above date and will appear in Fatigue Uniform, Side Arms and White Gloves.



JEPHTHA'S DAUGHTER.

This delightful play will be reproduced by special request of a large number of people on next Thursday night, April 13, at Ebenezer chapel, 16th and Lydia. Those who missed the other performance should be sure to see this one.

All Past Officers and Sir Knights especially invited to attend. 4. Capt. Edward Marshall, Regimental Adjutant, and Sergt. Geo. Brinkley, Troop B, Sergt. Thos. Lyons, Company D, are hereby detailed for duty as Records for this occasion. 5. Capt. T. F. Horton, Company F, Capt. Otis Campbell, Company G, Capt. Luther H. Mason, Company H, will notify Colonel L. A. Knox, 1419 East 18th street, Kansas City, the number of men that will come, and the time of their arrival.

6. Colonel L. A. Knox, commanding the Second Regiment, is hereby ordered to assemble his entire command for duty at 5 p. m. at the Armory. He will arrange for the presentation of the Regimental Colors and Dress Parade. 7. The Brigade Commander, accompanied by members of his staff, will arrive Saturday morning, April 8, and will be pleased to greet each and every Sir Knight while in the city. By order of General Butler, FRANK FERGUSON, Assistant Adjutant General.

TWO HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS ARE HONORED.

Miss Edna Hammett and Mr. Roland Bruce, pupils of Lincoln High School Orchestra, had the honor of playing for a private reception at the Kupper Hotel on Friday night, March thirty-first.

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Ladies' Aid Project Netted Them Over \$300—Concert Was Greatly Enjoyed.

The Ladies' Aid of the First Methodist church made real money in bringing Blind Boone and his concert company, Miss Marie Jackmann, soprano, and Miss Marguerite Boyd, mezzo-soprano, here in concert. Over 2,000 people were in Convention hall and over \$700 was taken in. That means over \$300 for the women, who are paying for the parsonage by their own efforts.

And the big crowd that heard the unique program enjoyed it. John Lange announced the numbers and they ranged from the serious efforts from the big composers to the plantation songs, full of swing and rhythm, that the composer- pianist sang with his two singers. The young women, and they seem very young, indeed, won encore after encore and earned them, as did the big pianist, who was in the best of good humors.

His work is remarkable, and an evidence of his effort and persistence. One incident of his stay in the city was his instant recollection at the Forum of the Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon of a girl whom he had not seen or heard since her babyhood. She shook hands and said: "I am Nona Wilkerson, Mr. Boone." Back came the answer instantly: "Oh, yes, and you lived with your aunt down in — Mo., and I held you on my knee many a time," Hutchinson Gazette.

"WHERE MCGREGOR SITS."

(The following from the Kansas City Star is unanswerable and voices the sentiment of the people of the West.)

Theodore Roosevelt has just returned from a voyage through the West Indies. The New York Sun, which can not be suspected of partiality, devotes a three-column editorial to his journey under the title "The Flight of a Jester."

His reception, it says, affords new evidence of "the enormous impression that 'this remarkable man has made upon his times.' " He sets out as a private citizen, but he can not escape from his own fame or from the eager interest that his career excites among all men. His journey takes the semblance of a triumphal prog. Instantaneously his ship drops anchor in the island port. Honors, civil and military, are heaped upon him at every opportunity. His visit lights up the slow, dull, backwater existence of 500,000 of scattered people like the passage of a meteor. He leaves behind him impressions of spiritual thrill and material pomp and splendor which will be talked of in superlatives as long as the toddling children of today may survive to recall his visit.

He lands in New York and at once becomes a leading figure in the news of the day. Ex-presidents usually are soon forgotten. Here is a man who has been out of office for eight years and yet still in the storm center of American life. More persons today are interested in what Roosevelt says than in the words of any other man now living.

It is literally true that since his return from Africa he has determined what the American people shall think about and talk about. Beginning with his speeches on the new nationalism in 1910, down through his great campaign for social justice in 1912, and his work for preparedness in the last two years, he has influenced the entire mental life of this country. He did the same thing for the seven years of his administration. He has continued to do it since he became a private citizen.

The reason is evident. Roosevelt has shown a unique combination of idealism and practicality of comprehension of national problems and energy in finding and urging the next step in their solution. He is at the same time a man of vision and a man of affairs. There are many prophets in the country and many fighters. But the great prophet, who is also a great fighter, does not appear more than once or twice in a generation. When he does appear he naturally becomes the leader of his age.

In the present world crisis brought on by the war, when old standards have been destroyed and nations have been forced to readjust their policies and modes of thought, it was inevitable that the course of the United States should have been profoundly affected by Roosevelt. He was the one man before the public who comprehended the new problems and their significance to this country.

While President Wilson was still assuring the nation that its isolation prevented it from having any vital concern in the affairs of Europe, while congress was asleep, while presidential aspirants were dodging, and while industrial leaders were devoting themselves to making financial profit out of the situation, one voice was raised and one only, for preparedness. By virtue of his sincerity, his information and his understanding, he made himself heard, and gradually brought the government to a partial acceptance of his program.

He still remains, however, the one conspicuous man who has grasped the real meaning of preparedness as part of one great national policy. While others are urging this or that preparedness measure in a fragmentary way, he is proposing a comprehensive program of social justice which will give every citizen a stake in the country, and which will make military training contribute to national efficiency. He has learned the lesson of Germany, where all citizens are expected to cooperate to do away with misery and want, and to make a country worth fighting for, in the eyes of even the poorest. He has made a practical application of this lesson to the United States.

Because he has a program which the country needs at this time, and because he is courageous enough to urge it, not for political effect, but because he believes it is right, Roosevelt is the country's real leader today. His position does not depend on the caprice of politicians or conventions. He has won it by continuing the value of his services to the nation.

It makes no difference what the political manipulators do. Where McGregor sits, there is the head of the table!

MASONIC NOTICE.

The final initiation of the John Lange lodge, U. D. A. P. and A. M., will take place Saturday, April 7, at 9 p. m. All candidates must be ready at that time. All Masons invited. R. FULLBRIGHT.

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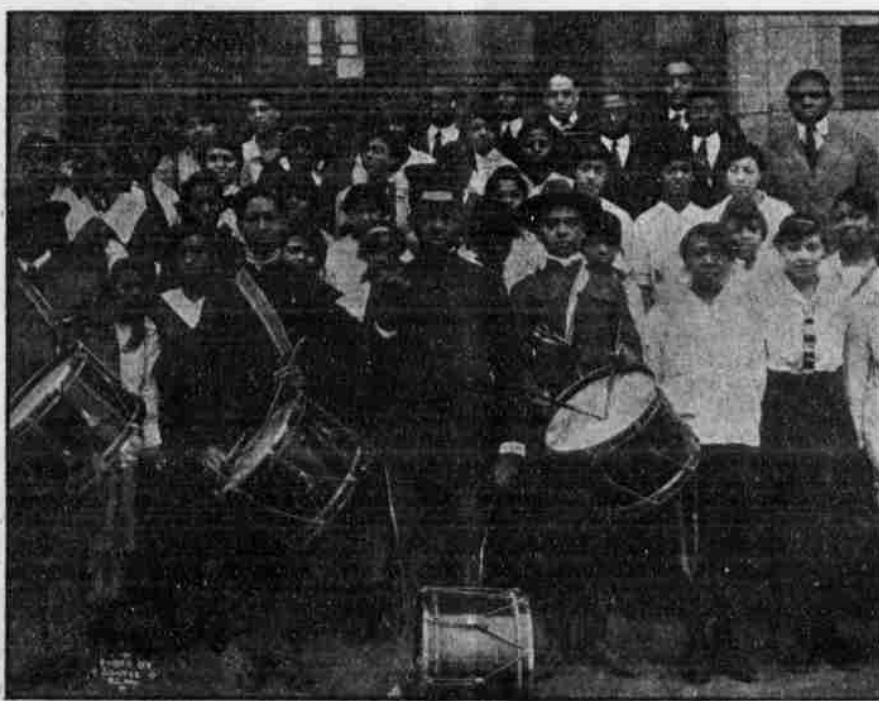
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